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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application David W. Johnson)
Serial No.: 09/334,054)
Filed: June 15, 1999)
Title: Elastomeric Article with Fine)
Colloidal Silica Surface)
Treatment and Its Preparation)

Examiner: S. Nolan

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows (marked changes included as Appendix

A):

1. (Amended) A surface-modified glove article for use on a human hand, comprising:

an elastomeric matrix in the shape of a glove that receives the human hand therein, the matrix having an inside surface that contacts the human hand received within the hollow elastomeric glove shape, and an outside surface; and

a plurality of colloidal silica particles adhered to at least a portion of the outside surface of the matrix but not extending through the thickness of the matrix, the colloidal silica particles being affixed to the outside surface of the matrix, at least certain of the silica particles being partially embedded within the outside surface.